

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 4 and 18-21 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-17 remain pending in this application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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